

Proof of Citizenship or Identity Requirements For Children Filling out the Healthy Families/Medi-Cal Joint Application

Your county Medi-Cal office is reviewing your child's application. During this time, your child is covered by Medi-Cal. To continue receiving full-scope Medi-Cal, you must provide proof of citizenship *and* proof of identity for your child. Read below to learn more.

Do *all* children have to show proof of citizenship and identity?

No. These children do NOT have to provide proof:

- Babies under age one born to women who are on Medi-Cal
- Babies in the Abandoned Baby Program

What if I do not have proof of my child's *citizenship*?

Your county office may be able to help you. If your child was born in California, the county can ask for the birth record. (A birth record is proof of citizenship.)

Fill out the enclosed *Request for California Birth Record* form. Then, mail or take this form to your local social services office.

If the county gets my child's birth record, do I still need to provide proof of *identity*?

If your child is under 16 and you have filled out and signed the Medi-Cal/Healthy Families joint application with your child's date and place of birth, you do not need to provide proof of identity. (This signed application is proof of your child's identity.)

What if my child is 16 or older?

Children who are 16 or older must provide proof of citizenship and proof of identity. See the list on the back for acceptable documents.

What if my child is *not* a U.S. citizen?

If your child is not a U.S. citizen or national, there is no change. You only need to provide the same documents that were required before.

Do you need *original* proof of citizenship or identity documents?

The county offices needs the *original* citizenship and identity documents, or copies that have been certified by the issuing agency.

Can I mail my proof of citizenship or identity?

Yes. The county will make copies and mail the originals back to you. Or, you can take your documents to your local social services office. Ask them to make copies and give them back right away.

Do I have to provide proof of citizenship or identity more than once?

No. You only have to provide proof of citizenship and identity once.

Need help?

If you have questions about proof of citizenship or identity, call your local social services office or eligibility worker.